

ESB 6713
Making Voluntary Payroll Reductions
House Floor Action

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SPEAKER: Engrossed Senate Bill 6713 to the third reading. Seeing no objections, ESB third reading remarks. Representative for the 22nd, Representative Romero.

ROMERO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This bill deals with voluntary payroll deductions. It allows employees that want to have some money taken out of their salary to go for political purposes to be able to do so and not have to have them fill out the forms every year to do it. If there is nothing in this bill that prohibits them from getting out of doing it every year. They can, at any time they can get out of making those deductions. It also requires the unions and those that seek to take the donations to notify every person in the program every year. Please, it's a very simple change and it does save paperwork and it is completely voluntary. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Representative from the 4th, Representative Schindler.

SCHINDLER: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would rise and ask the body to not support this bill, to vote no. This is making it easier and easier for political organizations or organizations to deduct payrolls from, payroll amounts from employees' salaries. And even though it is voluntary, even though we say that this is just making it easier on them, I think it is absolutely necessary for the organization taking that payroll deduction to make sure that they enlist the yes or the affirmative answer every single time that that deduction is going to be taken each year. I really ask you please to vote against this bill.

SPEAKER: Remarks? Representative from the 20th, Representative DeBolt.

DEBOLT: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I would also encourage a no vote. One of the things that we want to do is to be able to provide employees the choice, the freedom to make these decisions. Not just on a yearly basis but just as they need it. Sometimes when you're going through your forms in life and you miss things the opportunity is not always there to make the changes that you want to make and so I would encourage you to vote no.

SPEAKER: Other remarks? Seeing none, the question for the House is final passage of Engrossed Senate Bill 6713. Speaker's about to open the roll call machine. Speaker has opened the roll call machine. Has every member voted? Does any member wish to change his or her vote? Has Representative Lysen vote? Speaker is about to lock the roll call machine. Speaker has locked the roll call machine. Clerk will take the record please.

CLERK: Mr. Speaker there are 57 Yeas, 39 nays, 2 excused or not voting.

SPEAKER: The votes constitute the majority is Engrossed Senate Bill 6713, it's cleared and passed.